

REMARKS

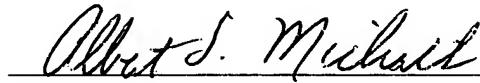
The Office action dated January 17, 2006 has been carefully considered. In the Office action, claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,390. By the present response, applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer, (which applicants apparently inadvertently failed to previously include), thereby overcoming the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, (although applicants do not agree that the claims are not patentably distinct over U.S. Patent No. 6,594,390).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-20 of the present application are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that this Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer, along with Transmittal, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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2031.3 Second Response